

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

~~The present invention enables to decode plural streams composing a multiplexed stream by one decoding means.~~ A decoder is provided which includes ~~of the present invention~~ comprises a demultiplexing unit means 102 for separating a multiplexed stream into plural streams by a demultiplexing process and a decoding unit means 109 for carrying out a decoding process for one of the plural separated streams, ~~and wherein the decoder~~ selects one of the plural separated streams to output the same to the decoding means unit such that a decoding process for one stream in the decoding means unit is switched to a decoding process for another stream. The decoder is thus able to decode plural streams composing a multiplexed stream with one decoding unit.